

# The WILDCAT



1953





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# Alton



To **YOU**th of Alton High School.

Today, as youth leaves through graduation, the world of high school and its joys, it will be met by the seriousness of living in an age of atomic power. And on the shoulders of youth will be placed the consequence of that power.

This book is dedicated to youth with the hope that the goal which they seek will be inspired by a higher power than that with which a scientist could provide. As youth moves, so shall the progress of the world.





## Board Of Education

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 HOBBY.....Trading Horses  
 PASTIME..Watching baseball games



# Faculty



W. A. VOSS, geometry teacher and Superintendent of schools, received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State College and his Master of Arts degree from Colorado State College. His pastime is reading and hobby is his students.

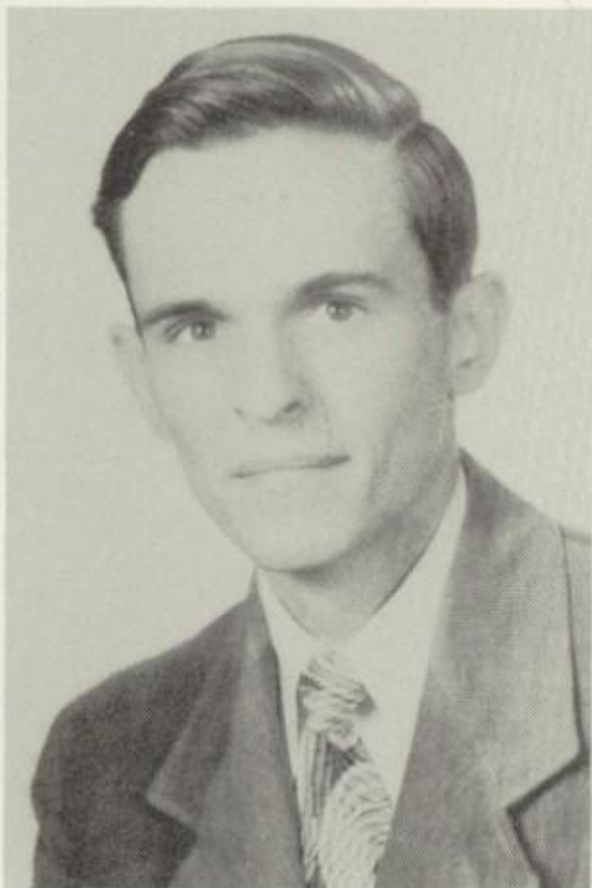
MARIE DEBEY, English teacher and librarian, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays Kansas State College. Has done additional study with Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas Universities. Her pastime is tatting and knitting, and hobby is fishing.



LOIS FICKEN, home economics teacher, received her Bachelor degree in Science and Homemaking from Kansas State College.







ROBERT BENIGNUS, commerce and algebra teacher, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State College. His hobby is hunting and fishing.



BERYL DRUMM, coach and health teacher, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Kansas State College. His hobby is all sports.

ROBERT BARNES, vocational agriculture instructor attended the University of Colorado and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State College. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.



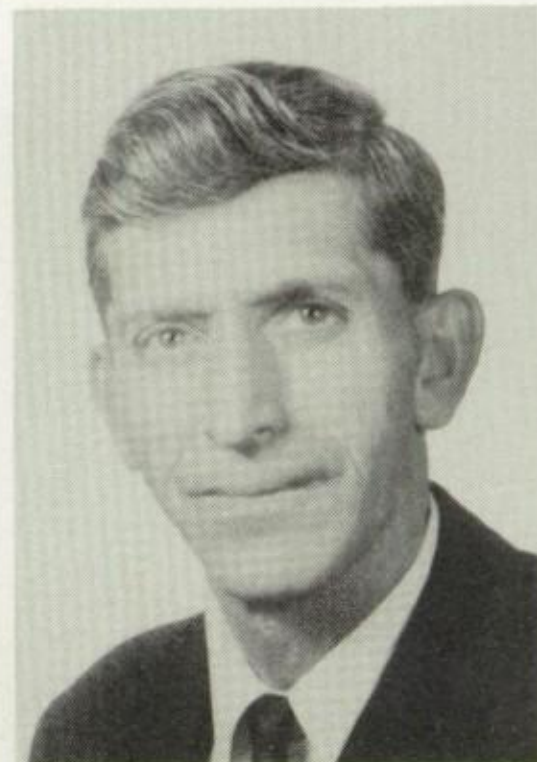
RICHARD BARRETT, music teacher, received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Fort Hays Kansas State College. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.







"Make 'em shine, Lee"



LEVI GUGE has been our custodian for the past two years. He has painted many rooms and has done lots of repair work besides his janitor duties. His hobby is woodworking.

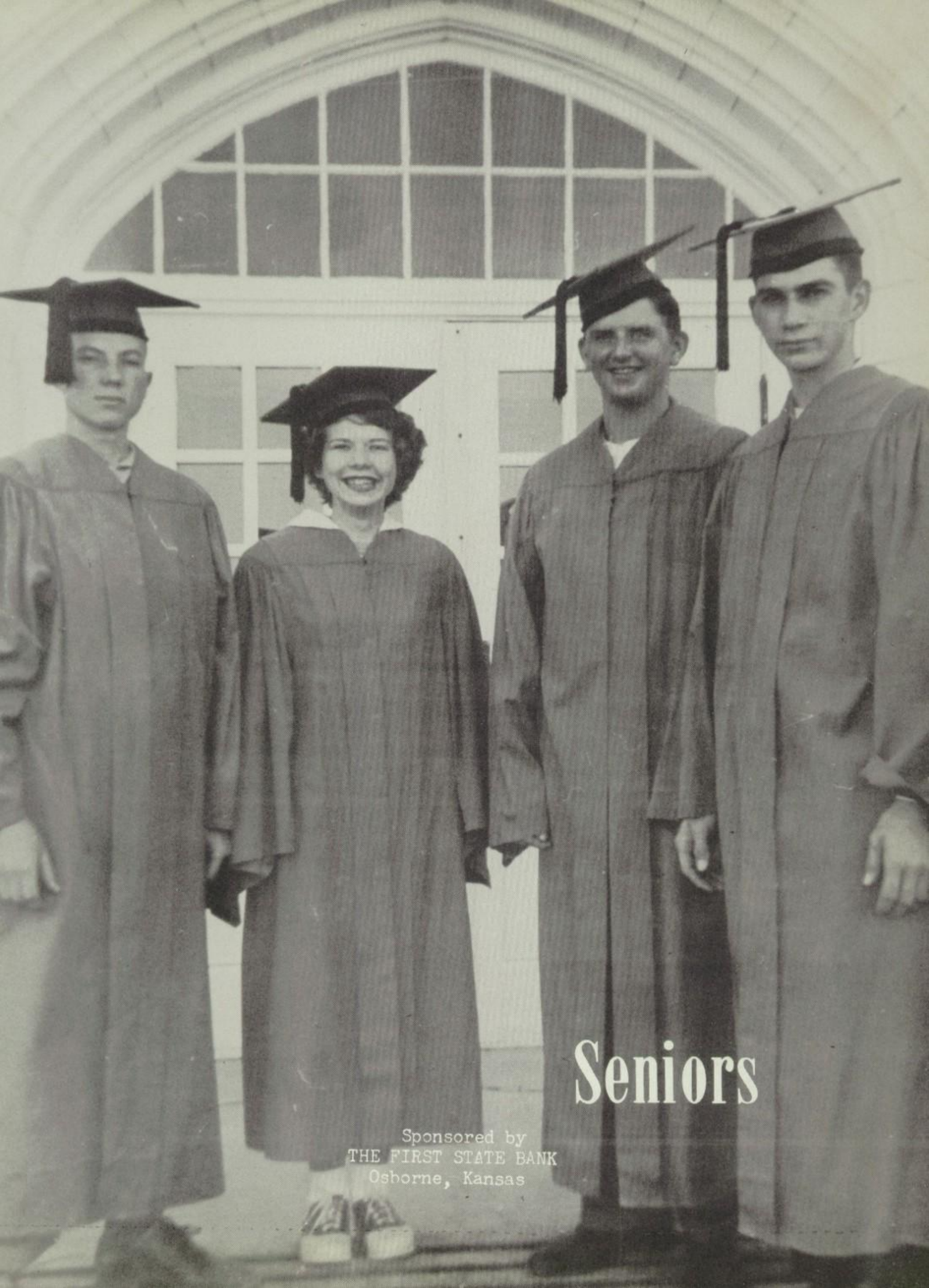


EVERETT YOXALL, a Vocational Agriculture teacher, is the teacher of the "On the Farm Training" class. He is a graduate of Kansas State College at Manhattan. He has taught Vocational Agriculture at Alton, Woodston, and Osborne.



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# Seniors

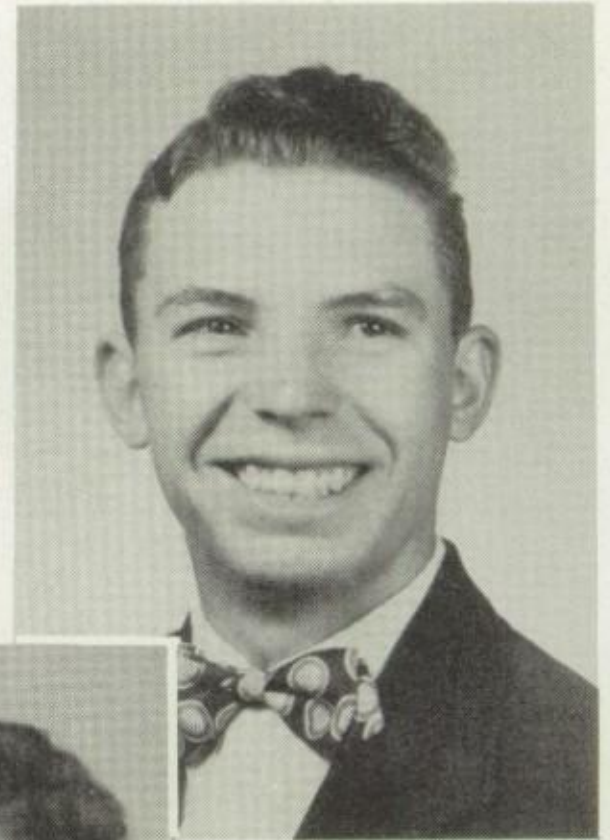
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Bob Gilliland

"Don't fence me in"

F.F.A.-----4  
 Hi-y-----4  
 Glee Club-----4  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,4  
 Pep Club-----4  
 Wrestling-----1  
 Senior Play



Velma Wilkenson

"But one, of the rovin'  
 kind."

Glee Club-----1,2,3  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3  
 Band-----1,2  
 F.H.A.-----1,2,3  
 Y-teen-----1,2,3  
 Junior and Senior Plays



Bob Reeves

"But we shall miss him"

F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Hi-y-----4  
 Class Officer-----3  
 Junior and Senior Plays



Treva Westfall

"So I'll not marry atall,  
 atall"

F.H.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----3  
 Y-teens-----1,2,3,4  
 Pep Club-----4  
 Class Officer-----1,2,3,4  
 Annual Staff-----4  
 Paper Staff-----4  
 Band-----1,2,3  
 Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
 Basketball-----1,2,4  
 Junior and Senior Plays







Lee Barnt

"He must know sumpin,  
but don't say nothin'."

Glee Club-----1,2,3  
Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3  
F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
Officer-----3,4  
Hi-y-----1,2,3,4  
Officer-----4  
Football-----1,4  
Junior and Senior Plays

Deloris Pratt

"I'm just bursting with  
talk"



F.H.A.-----1,2,3,4  
Officer-----3,4  
Y-teen-----1,2,3,4  
Officer-----3,4  
Annual Staff-----4  
Paper Staff-----4  
Band-----1,2,3,4  
Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
Basketball-----1,2,3,4  
Pep Club--4--Officer---4  
Triple Trio-----3,4  
Trio-----4  
Junior and Senior Plays

Darrell Crusha

"For he's a jolly good  
fellow"

Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
Basketball-----1,2,3,4  
Baseball-----1,2,3,4  
Football-----2,3,4  
Class Officer-----2,3,4  
Annual Staff-----4  
F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
Officer-----4  
Hi-y-----1,2,3,4  
Junior and Senior Plays



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Elvin Duer

"Go it while you're young "

Football-----3,4  
 Class Officer-----1,2,4  
 Student Council-----1  
 Band-----1,2,3  
 Pep Club-----4  
 F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Hi-y-----4  
 Officer-----4  
 Basketball-----1  
 Junior and Senior Plays



Arlene Duff

"I'm as corny as Kansas  
 in August"

Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
 Sextet-----3  
 Pep Club--4--Officer--4  
 Cheer Club-----1,2,3  
 Annual Staff-----4  
 Paper Staff-----4  
 F.H.A.-----4  
 Y-teen-----4  
 Basketball-----1,2,3,4  
 Junior and Senior Plays



Donald Wallace

"But his brain was so  
 loaded, it nearly ex-  
 ploded."

Glee Club-----1,2,3  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3  
 F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----3,4  
 Hi-y-----4  
 Student Council---2,3,4  
 Class Officer---1,2,3,4  
 Pep Club-----4  
 Basketball-----1,2  
 Junior and Senior Plays



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Wilda Stockbridge

"I'm in love with a wonderful guy"

F.H.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----2,3,4  
 District F.H.A President  
 Y-teen-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Cheerleader-----3,4  
 Pep Club-----4  
 Annual Staff-----4  
 Paper Staff-----4  
 Band-----1,2,3,4  
 Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
 Junior and Senior Plays



Ralph Vohs

"High as a flag on the fourth of July"

Football-----3,4  
 Basketball-----1,2,3,4  
 Hi-y-----1,4  
 F.F.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Glee Club-----2,3  
 Mixed Chorus-----2,3  
 Junior and Senior Plays

Jo Ann Cox

"Take me out to the ball game"

Glee Club-----1,2,3,4  
 Mixed Chorus-----1,2,3,4  
 Triple Trio-----4  
 Pep Club--4--Officer---4  
 Band-----1,2,3,4  
 Annual Staff-----4  
 Paper Staff-----4  
 F.H.A.-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Y-teen-----1,2,3,4  
 Officer-----4  
 Basketball-----1,2,3,4  
 Junior and Senior Plays



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Jo Ann Cox



Darrell Crusha



Arlene Duff

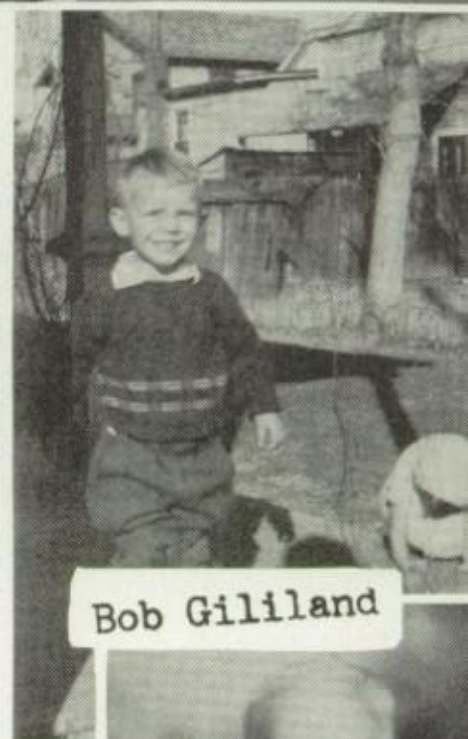


Elvin Duer



Wilda Stockbridge

*Long long ago*



Bob Gililand



Velma Mae Wilkenson



Ralph Vohs



Bob Reeves



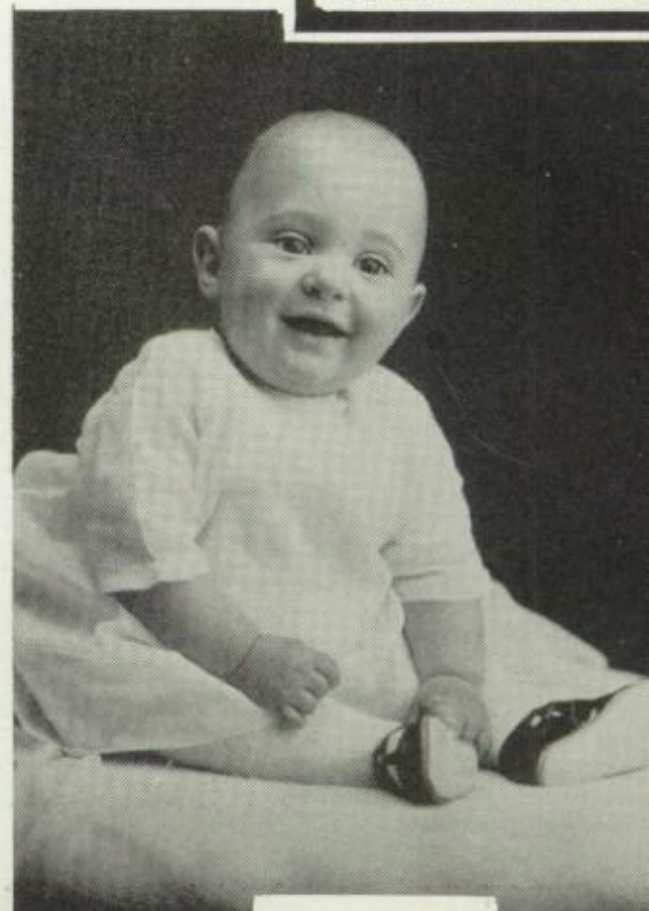
Donald Wallace



Treva Westfall



Deloris Pratt



Lee Barnt





# Class History



As we look at "Grandfather's Clock", we find that "Long, Long, Ago", in the fall of 1949 we, then numbering thirteen, came "Tramp, Tramp, Trampin'", into the halls of Alton High as freshmen. At first we were "Bewildered" because we were called "Green Freshie" by the haughty seniors, but we realized that "There'll Come A Time", when we, too, would become dignified seniors.

The freshman year began as a busy one. Our officers; president, Donald Wallace; vice-president, Patsy Hunter; secretary, Treva Westfall; treasurer, Donna Miller; student council representative, Elvin Duer; and sponsor, Mr. Jansen had a "Full Time Job".

When "School Days" came the following fall, we welcomed Lova Hulse, as a new member. Our officers; Darrell Crusha, president; Elvin Duer; vice-president; Treva Westfall, secretary and treasurer; Donald Wallace, student council representative, and Mrs. Voss, sponsor worked hard for "The End Of A Perfect Day". Finally the "Good Old Summertime" arrived.

"The Long, Long Trail A Winden", seemed too difficult for Jerry Boland. Our junior class officers were Darrell Crusha, president; Bob Reeves, vice-president; Treva Westfall, secretary and treasurer; Donald Wallace, student council representative; and Mrs. Voss, sponsor.

In the "Pretty Month Of May" we gave our Junior-Senior Banquet. Our theme was "Diamond Horseshoe Roundup". Quickly our Junior year went "Sailing" by.

"Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here". Yes, with the exception of a few classmates, Lova Hulse, Donna Miller, Patsy Hunter, and Duane Snyder, who thought "My Work Is Done". We welcomed Bob Gilliland and Arlene Duff as members. Velma Wilkenson joined us the second semester. Rapidly the year drew to a close and we all started to talk about the "Good Old Days Gone By".

Our officers are; Darrell Crusha, president; Elvin Duer, vice-president; Treva Westfall, secretary and treasurer; Donald Wallace, student council representative; and Mr. Voss, sponsor. Mr. Voss was wonderful in helping us with the senior play, graduation exercise, and other class activities.

Finally as "The Long Day Closes", May 15, we marched down the aisles to receive our diplomas, together we had come "Through The Years" at Alton High. We're sure that we will never forget the training that we received and that we will always remain "Loyal And True" to Alton High. It is time to say "Farewell to Thee" as "Now The Day Is Over".





# Senior

Name	He is She is	Chief Attraction	Favorite Expression
Barnt, Lee "Snidge"	taking life easy	curly hair	"Oh! Lord"
Cox, Jo Ann "Jo"	changeable as the wind	blue eyes	"Oh! Gads"
Crusha, Darrell "Bush"	a devil	dark eyes	"Quit Your Faking"
Duer, Elvin "Flap Happy"	most mischievous	friendliness	"Holy Cow"
Duff, Arlene "Duffy"	always laughing	personality	"Crunch"
Gilliland, Bob "Gilly"	polite	jokes	"Yep!"
Pratt, Deloris "Red"	waiting for the day	pug nose	"Darn It"
Reeves, Bob "Garter"	quiet as a mouse	being short	"Oh! Mable"
Stockbridge, Wilda "Hercumer"	engaged	small waist	"Yes-s-s"
Vohs, Ralph "Ralphie"	tall	lazy smile	"The Heck"
Wallace, Donald "Wart"	always on the go	neatness	censored
Westfall, Treva "Hepizabah"	a card	figure	"You Wanna Bet"
Wilkenson, Velma "Velm"	engaged	eyes	"Hu-m-m"







# Statistics

Favorite Song	What he likes What she likes	Wants to be	Usually Found	Favorite Pastime
Sunflower	Ellen	Farmer	Osborne	Sleeping
Half As Much	Bob	Airline Hostess	With Arlene	Dates
Take Me In Your Arms	Velma June	Business Executive	Osborne	Waiting for Girl
Ful Time Job	Margaret	Auctioneer	With Margaret	Parking
Two to Tango	Bob	Nurse	In Chevy	Listening to Radio
Don't Fence Me In	Girls	Undecided	To and Fro	Hunting
I'm Yours	Ralph	Secretary	Drug Store	Reading
Ful Time Job	Mable	Questionable	Osborne	Running Around
Keep It A Secret	Deryl	Housewife	With Deryl	Writing Letters
Till I Waltz Again With You	Deloris	Farmer	In his Chevy	Farming
Keep It A Secret	Excitement	Mechanic	Looking up Girls	Loafing
Glow Worm	Boys	H.D. Agent	Home	Sewing
It Is No Secret	Pete	Housewife	Study Hall	Sewing







## 1953 Class Will



We, the Senior Class of 1953 of Alton High School, passing out this sphere of education, in full possession of well-trained memory and sound mind, do hereby pledge that this be our last will and testament:

### Article I

To the faculty, we bequeath nothing, since they have at last convinced us that we need everything we have.

### Article II

To the Junior--we leave--that ought to make them feel pretty good.  
To the sophomores--a mile of rope to help pull through the next two years.

To the Freshmen--fifty yards of curtain to keep under cover when a teacher approaches.

### Article III

I, Arlene Duff, will my basketball ability to Bob Holloway.

I, Lee Barnt, will my big feet to Carlie Stevens.

I, Wilda Stockbridge, will my cheerleader spot to Margaret Dugan.

I, Elvin Duer, will my ability to get along with teachers to Gary Eller to be used wisely.

I, Deloris Pratt, will my red hair and freckles to Naomi Holling.

I, Donald Wallace, will my weight to Marilyn Stephenson who can use it much better than I.

I, Treva Westfall, will my Covert boy friends to Dixie Williams.

I, Bob Reeves, will my curly hair to Jim Burch.

I, Darrell Crusha, will my Osborne girl friend to Billy Cox.

I, Jo Ann Cox, will my blue eyes to Charlene Dugan.

I, Velma Mae Wilkenson, will my American History book to Mary Jo Peterson.

I, Bob Gilliland, will my ability to tell jokes to Ralph Williams.

I, Ralph Vohs, will my height and ability to play basketball to Jimmy Hackerott.

### Article IV

We, the Seniors of 1953, leave to our dear Alton High School our copious tears of farewell.

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## Class Prophecy



This is 1975. You wouldn't recognize Alton anymore. It is now a thriving metropolis. Alton High School is still a growing concern with new classes coming and going each year. The class of 1953 has really gone down in history. It's illustrious members have attained great heights.

The statement, "Quality is better than Quantity", certainly applies to the members of this class. Bob Reeves has become a minister and is now serving the Alton E.U.B. Congregation. Bob also told us that a former classmate, Arlene Duff, is now a missionary in South Africa. Arlene told us that she had seen a British produced film starring Elvin Duer, the great British movie star. Elvin is happily married to his fifth wife, Margaret Dugan. Elvin had said that last summer as he passed through California he visited the "Vohs Fish Cannery", owned and run by the former classmates Ralph Vohs and Deloris Pratt, strictly on the family basis.

Donald Wallace, is now serving his fifth term as Governor of Kansas, with a former classmate Jo Ann Cox as his personal secretary. Marriage plans are in the air.

As we look further into the year we find Professor Crusha now teaching chemistry at Notre Dame. Professor Crusha is the former classmate Darrell Crusha of high school days. His eleven sons make up Notre Dame's football team.

As we look to the north we see the former classmate Lee Barnt, as proprietor of the "Redwood Lumber Company" in Canada. Lee told us that Bob Gilliland now owned a gold mine in Alaska.

Traveling on we view a large "Guinea Pig Experiment Station" headed by the former classmate Wilda Stockbridge, who is now Mrs. Deryl Carswell. Wilda told us that she had recently heard from Treva Westfall. She is now a great soprano opera star with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

One more stop and we see Velma Wilkenson as head of the Medicial Center in Chicago. Velma is happily married to Kenneth Fetterolf.

Last, but by no means least, we view Mr. Voss, our senior class sponsor, retired for life.

Our crystal ball has revealed this interesting future for each of us.

Wilda Stockbridge  
Darrell Crusha  
Arlene Duff



# Senior



MOST INTELLIGENT  
Treva Westfall  
Darrell Crusha

QUIET TYPE  
Lee Barnt  
Bob Reeves



PRETTIEST HAIR  
Jo Ann Cox  
Bob Gilliland



OUR SPONSOR  
Mr. Voss



# Personalities

## BEST DRESSED

Wilda Stockbridge  
Donald Wallace



## CUTEST COUPLE

Deloris Pratt  
Ralph Vohs



## MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Elvin Duer  
Arlene Duff

## OUR THREE YEAR STUDENT

Velma Mae Wilkenson







# Class Poem



Donald, a tricky lad, is always ready for fun.  
Elvin, a happy guy, can never be out done.  
Deloris, our red-head, is always full of pep.  
Ambitious Arlene is never out of step.  
Ralph, our sly lad, is our basketball star.  
Bob Reeves, a quiet boy, is really up to par.  
JoAnn, a blue-eyed gal, always wears a curl.  
Darrell, another athlete, likes an Osborne girl.  
Lee, football king, thinks it's the only game.  
Clever Velma Mae, had marriage as her aim.  
Bob Gilliland, a newcomer, had a story handy.  
Wilda, our cheerleader, really in a dandy.  
Treva, small and fair, is an intelligent lass.  
Mr. Voss, a good sport, sponsors our class.



MOTTO  
LIFE OWES US NOTHING; WE OWE IT EVERYTHING

FLOWER

LILY OF THE VALLEY

COLORS

PURPLE AND WHITE







## SENIOR CLASS OF 1953

Presented

### THIS GHOST BUSINESS

JOE HARDY.....DONALD WALLACE

EDDIE CANFIELD.....ELVIN DUER

A. G. STEVENS.....RALPH VOHS

BILL.....DARRELL CRUSHA

MOSE.....BOB GILLILAND

BAURA HARDY.....DELORIS PRATT

MABEL CANFIELD.....ARLENE DUFF

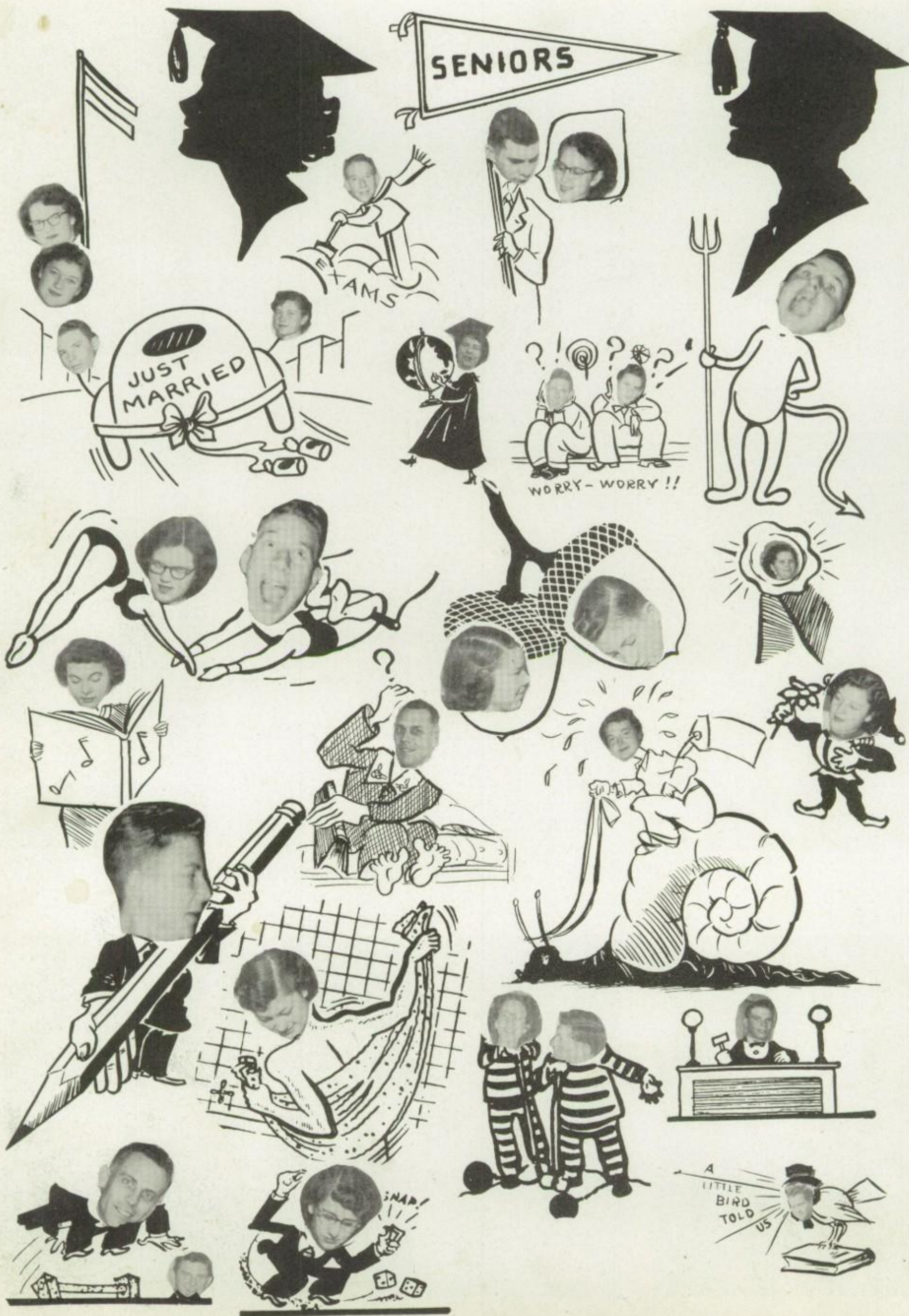
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MAGNOLIA.....TREVA WESTFALL

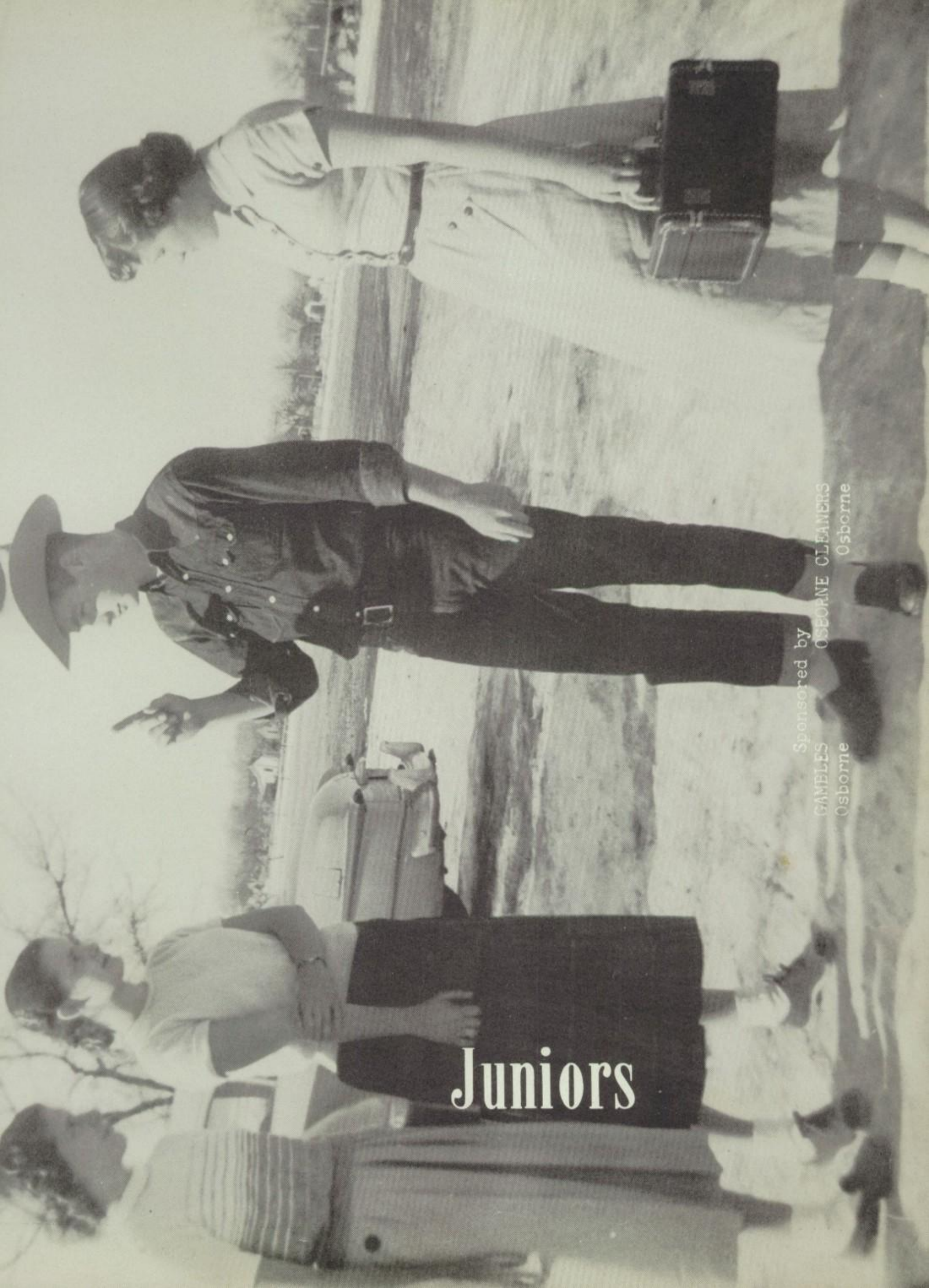
MARIE.....WILDA STOCKBRIDGE











# Juniors

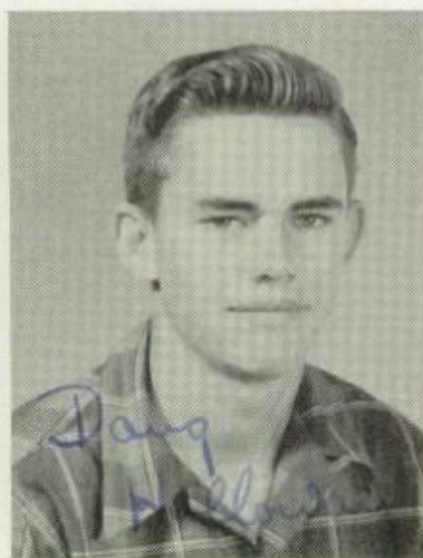
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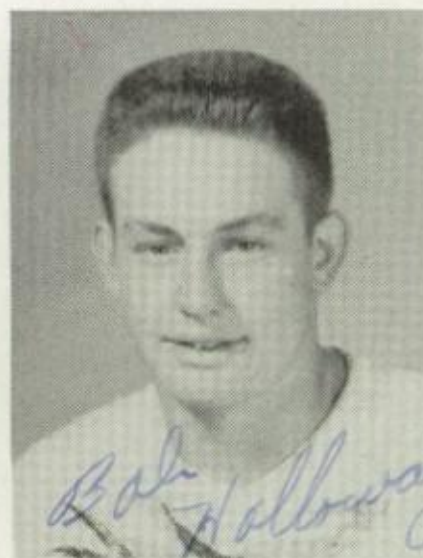




Talma Mason



Douglas Holloway



Bob Holloway



Barbara Norris



Edna Faye Allen



Kenneth Hackerott



Naomi Holling



Margaret Dugan



Mary Jo Peterson

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# Quit Your Kidding

Mrs. Mary Buford. . . . .	Barbara Norris
Camilla Dusenberry. . . . .	Talma Jean Mason
Evelyn Buford . . . . .	Margaret Dugan
Winston Buford. . . . .	Bob Holloway
Binnie Buford . . . . .	Mary Jc Peterson
Jean Owen . . . . .	.Edna Faye Allen
Betty Anderson. . . . .	.Velma Mae Wilkenson
David Spivey Whitten. . . . .	Douglas Holloway
Thomas Patton . . . . .	Fred Nichols
Dr. Mel Shannon . . . . .	.Kenneth Hackerott
Jim Travis. . . . .	.Billy Hecht
Miss Sophronia Buford . . . . .	.Naomi Holling





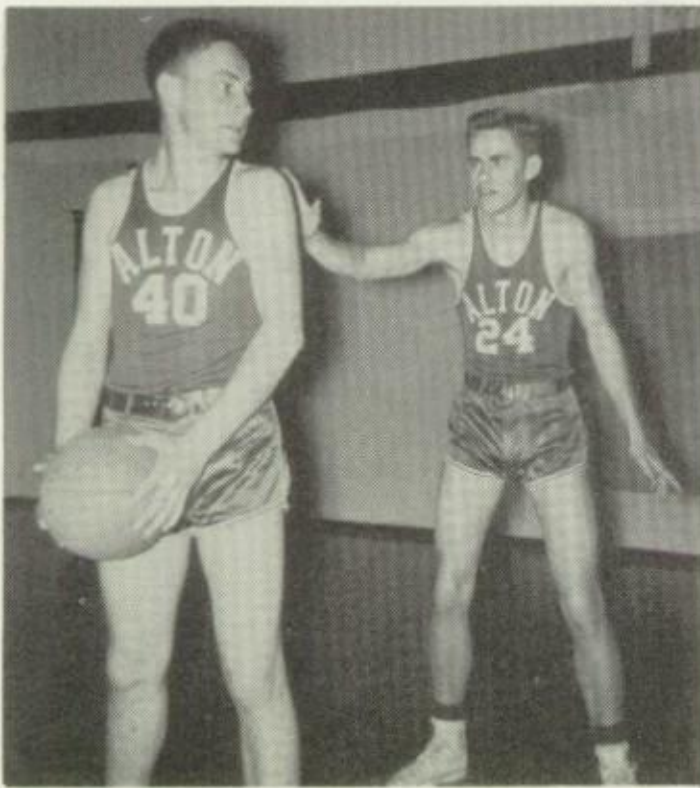
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Our Junior Stars



"Good-bye Cruel World"



Three Musketeers





# Sophomores

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Gary Eller  
Nelva Wallace  
Freddie Nichols



Myrna Swank  
Billie Hecht  
Dixie Williams



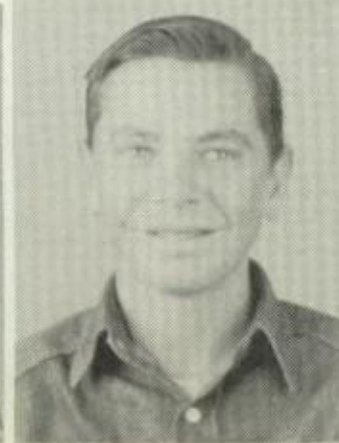
Terry Crusha  
Marilyn Stephenson  
Benny Brent



Paul Kurtz  
Charlene Dugan  
Gary Wykoff



Verneta Dibble  
Jim Burch  
Elma Nadine Gregory



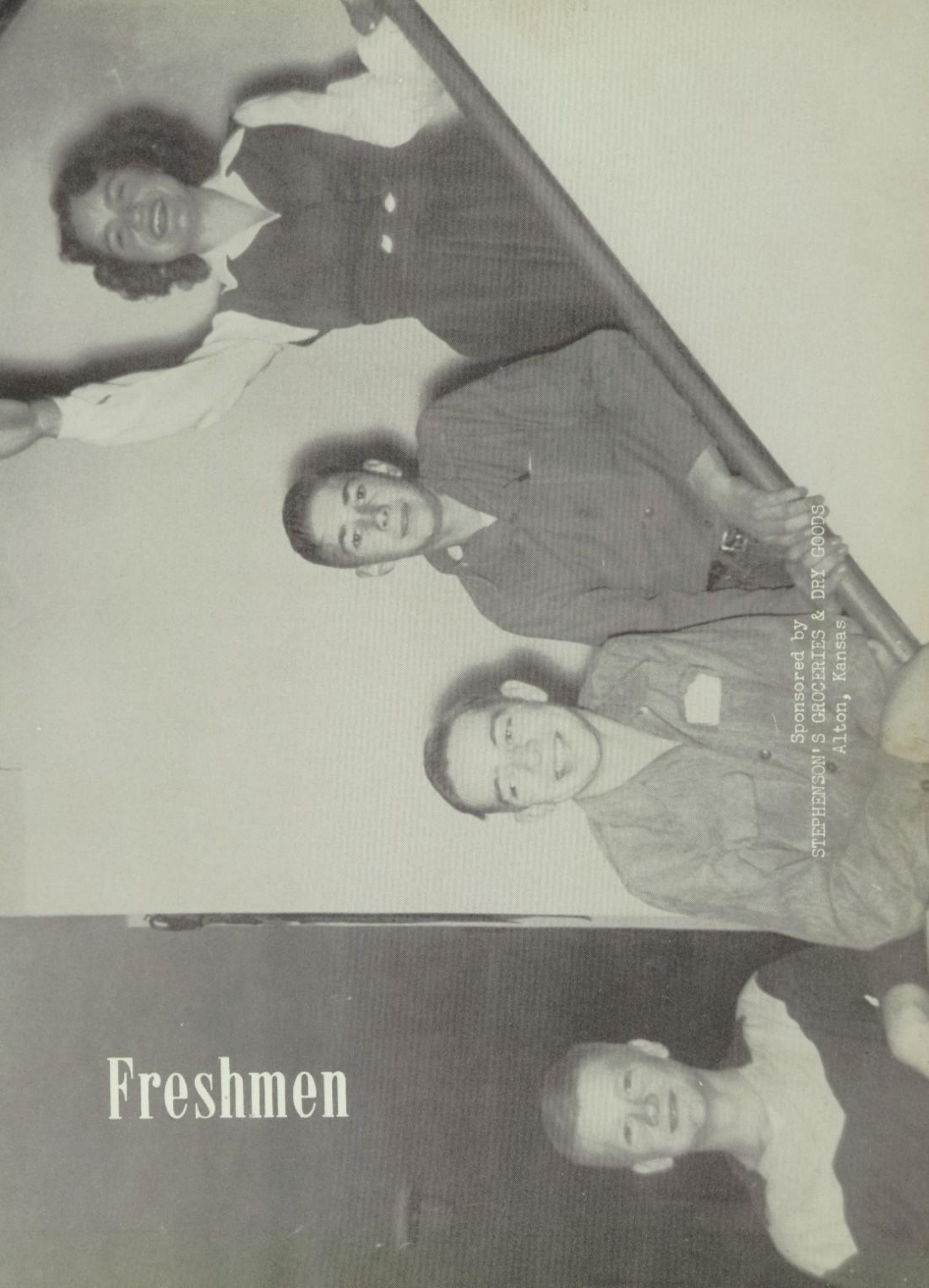
Carlie Stevens  
Jay Dee Duff

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# Freshmen



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Barbara Yoxall  
John Dee Smith  
Ada Stanfield



Charles Cox  
Kay Bates  
Wayne Garrett



Norma Holloway  
Betty Vohs  
Mary Norris



Ralph Williams  
Adel Stanfield  
Jim Hackerott

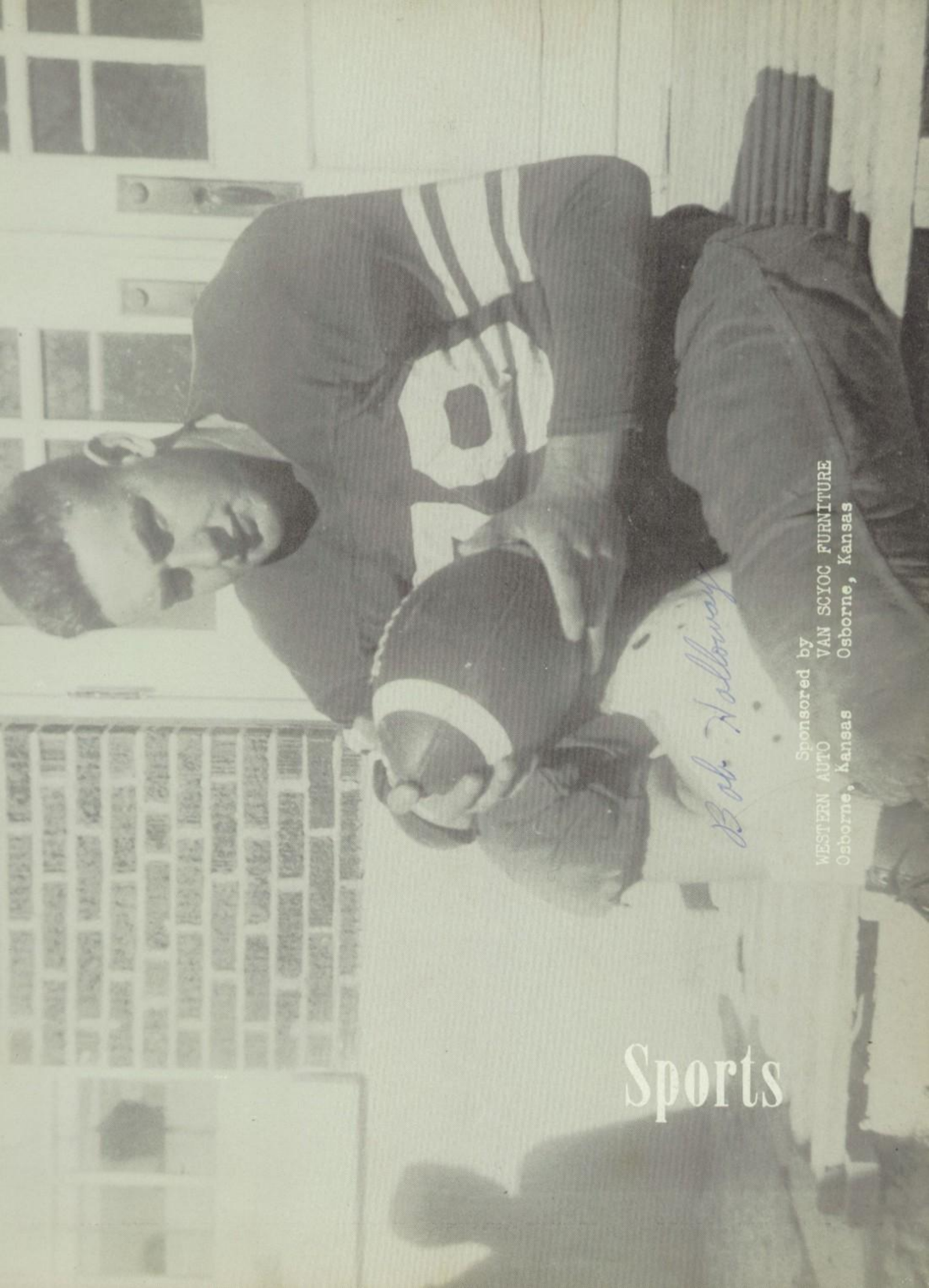


Billie Williams  
Helena Blagrove  
Billy Cox



Jimmy Reeves  
Marie Dugan  
Danny Dibble





*Bob Walloway*

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# Sports



# Football

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# Football

## King and Attendants



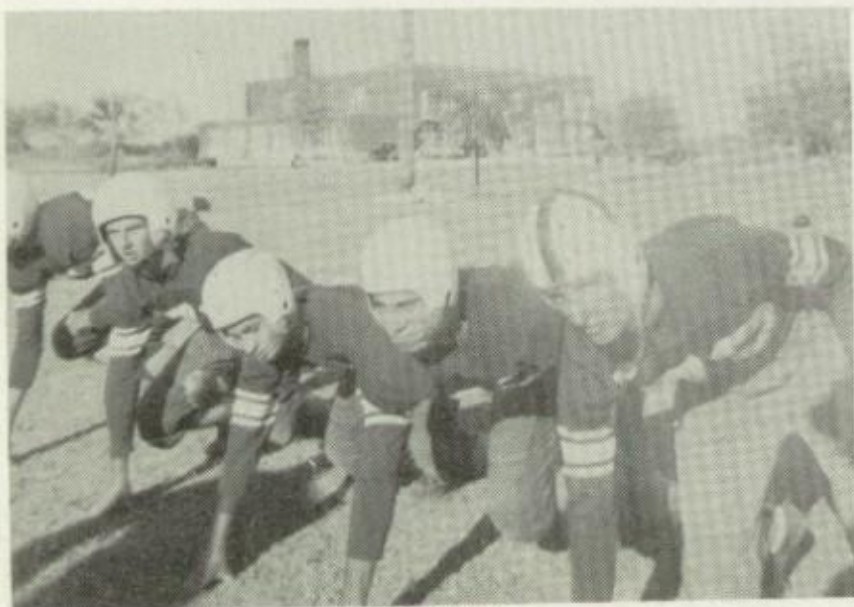
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# Football



FIRST ROW-B. Williams, J. Smith, C. Cox, J. Duff, W. Garrett, B. Cox, SECOND ROW-Mr. Drumm, G. Eller, D. Crusha, R. Vohs, E. Duer, F. Nichols, P. Kurtz, B. Brent, T. Crusha, W. Hecht, R. Holloway, D. Holloway, Mr. Voss (D. Dibble in hospital)



SENIORS



JUNIORS

FRESHMEN



SOPHMORES





# Basketball



FIRST ROW-B. Williams, R. Williams, C. Cox, W. Garrett, G. Wykoff, J. Duff, T. Crusha, J. Smith, J. Reeves, SECOND ROW-B. Hecht, D. Crusha, G. Eller, R. Vohs, Coach Drumm, D. Holloway, F. Nichols, B. Holloway, P. Kurtz.





# In Action



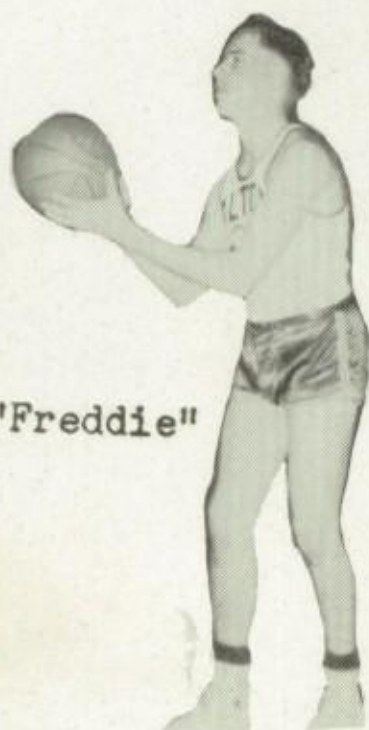
"Bush"



First Place in League Tourney



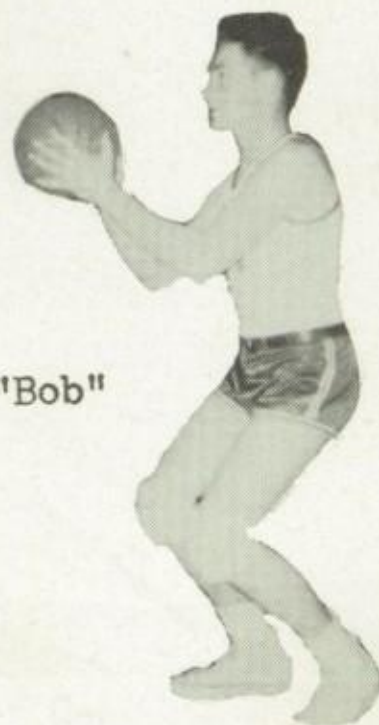
"Doug"



"Freddie"



"Ralphie"



"Bob"



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# Girls Basketball



FIRST ROW-D. Pratt, N. Holling, J. Cox, M. Norris, K. Bates, B. Vohs, V. Dibble, SECOND ROW-Coach Drumm, A. Stanfield, M. Dugan, A. Duff, T. Westfall, C. Dugan, Mr. Voss, THIRD ROW-A. Stanfield, D. Williams, M. Dugan, M. Stephenson, B. Yoxall, N. Holloway, M. Swank.





# Cheerleaders



Nelva Wallace, Charlene Dugan, Wilda Stockbridge, Kay Bates







# Music



# Glee Clubs



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FIRST ROW-R. Williams, C. Cox, W. Garrett, T. Crusha, R. Gilliland, C. Stevens, SECOND ROW-M. Dugan, D. Crusha, B. Brent, P. Kurtz, G. Eller, B. Holloway, W. Hecht, Mr. Barrett, THIRD ROW-J. Burch, F. Nichols, D. Holloway

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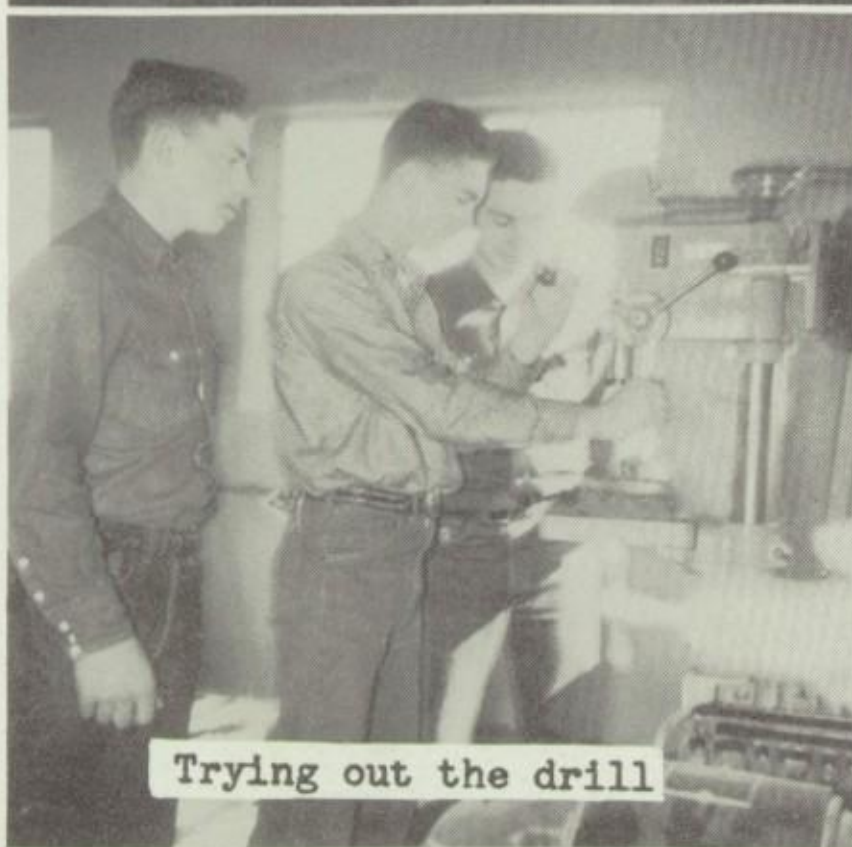
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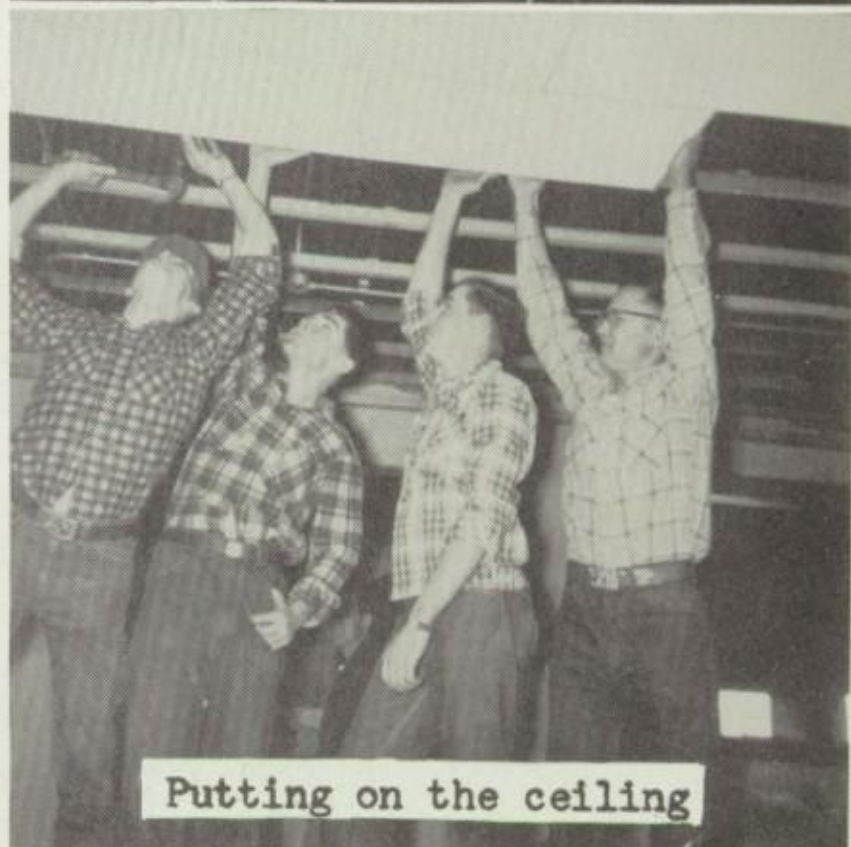
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Officers





# School Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

1. School opens. Three new teachers and eighteen freshmen. My! The freshmen are brave this year.
2. F.F.A. held their first meeting. Lots of business, boys! Officers will have a hard year.
3. F.H.A. introduced plans to new girls. Do you want to join? How much will the dues be?
4. Dr. Nickell held physical examination for everyone—Did you pass—Have you turned in your card?
5. Elect cheerleaders and class officers.
8. Our first movie on "Safety". Let's have more movies—Don't have to go to class during them.
9. Juniors choose class rings—Everyone had his picture taken—First P.T.A. meeting this year.
10. Y-teens held their first meeting of the term.
11. Football practice going strong. No injuries!!!
12. Teachers' receptions by Y.W.C.A.—First "Wildcat" published. No one in trouble—just wait!!
15. Enroll two new students, Arlene and Jay D. Duff.
16. Treva and Freddie went to Hutchinson to the Fair—4-H gave a skating party for the student body—Any new couples developing—Wait and see!
17. Norma Jean is chosen Drum Major.
18. Materials for the new shop have begun to arrive.
19. Football—Alton-7--Downs-0. Poor Downs! Coach Drumm has a big grin—Wonder why—Guess, kids.
20. Y-teens give their first program meeting.
23. Hi-y held an election, "Who's the new president".
25. Second issue of the "Wildcat" is off the press, "Let me see the scandal page—Is my name on it?"
26. Football again over at Bunkerhill. We won 12 to 7, "Oh! Boy!"
27. Faculty meeting—Wonder who they will have on the carpet this time?

## OCTOBER

1. Chapel—Goody, goody, we get out of class for chapel—Let's have more of these.
2. Band played to greet Gov. Arn. Wilda and Treva are real politicians.
3. Luray-0 and Alton-25. Say, are we going to town in football!







6. F.F.A. Leadership Training School in Beloit.
7. Band went to Kirwin to Old Settlers' Program. P.T.A. again.
8. Sophomores entertain Freshmen at a hayrack ride.
9. Benny played in the National F.F.A. Band. Oh, me, Oh my, I hate six-weeks tests.
10. Sylvan Grove-12 and Alton-25, that makes four.
13. Wilda to the Royal Stock Show. My, she goes alot. Danny broke his leg in football practice.
14. Mr. Barnes attended the National Convention in Kansas City.
15. F.H.A. gave a party----Was it for girls only?
16. Lee has blood-poisoning-----What's happening to our football boys?
17. Football----the table are turned Lucas 19 and Alton 0.
20. Up goes the new shop's walls.
21. The photographer took the seniors pictures and some group pictures. Poor camera!!!
22. Band members hear the Navy Band at Beloit. Wish I could play like that.
23. What's all the noise, oh, the pianos are being tuned. F.F.A. have a new pop machine.
24. Wilson trounced our team with a score of 33 to 6. Too bad, boys. Terry breaks arm.
27. Why are all the teachers in a hurry? Is it O.C.T.A. meeting in Osborne?
28. Say, they're beautiful! That's the junior class rings that have just arrived.
29. Faculty party--Did you have lost of good things to eat?
30. Juniors start play practice.
31. Logan 54, Alton 0. Who tore up the dressing rooms, and what did it cost you?



#### NOVEMBER

3. Gee, Whiz! Look at this! The senior proofs have arrived. Do I look all right? How's my hair look?
4. Election Day--Are you a Republican or Democrat?
5. Y-teen and F.H.A. give an assembly on United Nations.
6. No school for four days, the teachers are gone to state meetings.
8. Band took part in homecoming events at Salina.

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10. Kilroy must have been in Logan----What do the Alton boys know about it??
11. Armistice Day, but we gotta have school.
12. F.H.A. cabinet are posing for pictures today, they hope to get in the annual.
13. Juniors and Seniors go to Career Day in Osborne.
14. Natoma 25 and Alton 13, what's the matter, boys?
17. Assembly conducted by the ministers from the Assembly of God Church. Nominate candidates for Football King and Queen.
18. Dixie, Marie, and Elma Nadine attend the Y-teen conference in Osborne.
19. F.H.A. and Y-teens enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.
20. Fort Hays Kansas State College present an assembly program, the music was fine.
21. Junior Play was big success. "Quit Your Kidding" was lost of fun.
24. Just see it snow! This is a real blizzard.
25. Still stormy----Postponed the Athletic Banquet.
26. Weather is better so we will have the banquet tonight.
27. Thanksgiving Day, and another vacation. Lots of fun in the snow.

#### DECEMBER

1. Faculty meeting, wonder what they have on their minds this time?
2. Why were the freshmen late to classes during 7th and 8th hours?
3. More pictures of the F.H.A., say, but it is hard to get good pictures of those gals.
4. Cheerleaders appear in new costumes, some class, eh? Maybe we'll have more pep.
5. Freshmen initiation-----Just see the shine on the seniors' shoes, how about the chewing gum?? I've only had three sticks.
8. The annual staff sold ads in Osborne-----was a profitable day.
9. We won three basketball games from Woodston, good way to start the season.
10. Staff sold ads in Stockton and Woodston, we are doing fine so far.

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11. What are you getting your mystery-mother for Christmas?
12. Natoma took that game, 53 to 43.
15. Look at that turkey, the school board and teachers are eating again.
16. We won this time, Agra 44 and Alton 47.
17. Why is Jay Dee allergic to fences? Does Miss DeBey know???
18. The F.H.A. and Y-teens had a good time at the Christmas party at Peterson's.
19. The band gave a winter concert.
20. Christmas vacation. Goody!
29. Vacation is over. Too bad! Mantz changed her name to Ficken.
30. The girls organize a pep club. Are we to have uniforms??????? No!
31. The 4-H entertains with an oyster supper as the old year dies.

#### JANUARY

1. New Year's Day--School goes on, but gosh, I'm sleepy--I watched the old year out.
2. Hooray! We beat Luray 33 to 52.
5. Benignus is ill, Mr. Voss is busy teaching all of his classes, he really makes us work.
6. Downs beat Alton!!!!!!!
7. Say, Arlene are you fond of juniors?????????????
8. Semester tests, Ugh! Hope I pass, what will Dad say if I don't. The teacher just picks on me all the time.
9. We took Athol to a cleaning! 71 to 53.
12. New Semester begins---Well, I got by that time. I'm just lucky.
13. That was too close for comfort, Alton 60, Gaylord 58.
14. Journalism class is sure busy with that annual.
15. Sure is cold, the stoker is broke-----Everyone is sick with the cold.
16. Lucky again, we beat Portis 47 to 44.
19. Blue Monday---more cases of flu.
20. Inauguration Day--F.H.A. hold a buffet supper.
21. Football sweaters arrive today, the boys are really proud of them.

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22. Snowing again. Ain't it awful, all the snow we've been gettin.
23. Kirwin slipped one over us this time to the tune of 44 to 37.
26. Kansas Wesleyan presented an assembly program. Gideons gave us New Testaments. League tournament started, we beat Portis.
27. Elvin, what were you doing with lipstick on during American history class???????
28. Who is walking Kay to school at noon?? Could it be Gary E. doesn't know about this?????
29. Tournament again, we beat Agra by four points, Close game!!!!!!!
30. Hooray! Hooray! We won the North-South Solomon League Tournament.

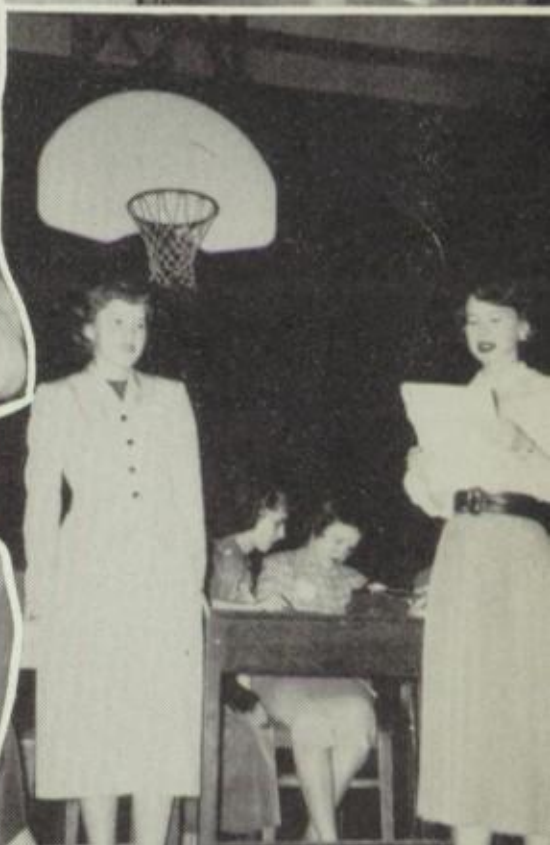
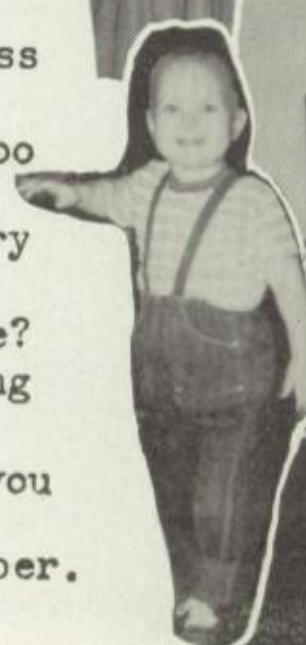
#### EBRUARY

2. P.T.A. sponsored a Talent show--We had everything from the sublime to the ridiculous.
3. Seniors read plays----Shall we give a mystery or ghost play????
4. Where, oh, where is Mr. Voss??? Gee, I'll be glad when he gets back!
5. Who scalped John D.?? Does it feel good???????
6. Alton whips Kensington by 11 points.
7. F.H.A. went to Gorham, Mary Jo is new District President. F.F.A. team wins third place in Albrecht's contest, Elvin is high individual.
9. Mother-Daughter banquet---Everyone got a valentine present. What did you get?????
10. Natoma took us down a notch, and beat us 53 to 38.
11. That was a good movie-----Let's do that more often.
12. Lincoln's birthday--What about Doug's snowshoes???????
13. Lucky 13th, we beat Woodston three games again tonight.
14. Did you get a valentine???? Gary W. did, and he liked his cake.
16. Another Monday--Why was Coach Drumm congratulating Mr. Barnes???????

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17. Why was Naomi applying for a marriage licence? We beat Plainville 36 to 40.
18. Seniors chose "This Ghost Business" for their play----Beware!!!! The ghosts will get you!!
19. Mrs. Voss' students give a recital.
20. Dirt and snow all day, but we can beat Gaylord anyway, 42-39.
23. Annual staff rush to finish book-----Seniors hold try-outs. Do Indians wear glasses??????
24. Wilda and Margaret shop in Salina-----Did you spend all of your money??
25. Mary Jo to Hays to shop?? Was it only a shopping tour???
26. Y-teen-F.H.A. cabinets had a taffy pull at Gregorys'--A few blisters---Lost of fun.
27. Both teams beat Downs--73-49. Was Downs surprised????? Ask them!!!!

#### MARCH

2. P.T.A.--Faculty meeting-Who shall we send to the scholarship contests.
3. Snow, snow, and more snow.
4. Kids late to school--Lots of snow on roads--Tournament postponed one day.
5. Tournament begins today. Who will win??????
6. Alton wins last night. Does Webster have a good team??? Wait and see??????
7. Finals at the tournament. Will Alton have a trophy??? Come and watch!!!!!!
9. Y.W.C.A.--Y-teens give program. Public speaking contest at Norton.
10. Student council party---Girl's don't know who to ask. He's already been asked.
11. Temperance film by W.C.T.U. Y-teen business meeting. Yearbook completed.
12. Why was Burch and Duff sent from Ag???? Too much paint!!!!
13. F.H.A. attended state meeting in Topeka. Mary Jo serves tea at Governor's mansion.
16. What's this about Marilyn eloping with Wayne?
17. St. Patrick's Day--I forgot to wear something green.
18. Kay, is it Gary's basketball ability, that you admire????
19. Let's hurry and finish this issue of the paper.

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20. Cancer film--Spring begins--Watch out for spring fever--it is catching.
  23. Gee! but I'm sore, I danced every dance at the Saturday night party.
  24. Spring concert--grade and high school--good?
  25. Mr. Barrett looks so relieved sin the concert is over.
  26. Why is everyone so sleepy? Going to bed on time helps!!!!
  27. More spring showers--Ain't it sloppy out?
  30. Why do we have to take so many tests?????? Can't the teachers guess how much we know?
  31. Gosh!!!!!! I'm glad it's Friday!!!
- APRIL
1. "What's that on your face?" "April Fool!"
  2. Seniors hold dress rehearsal for play. Poor rehearsal makes a good play-I hope.
  3. Senior play, "This Ghost Business"--full house--Sure scared the kids, didn't we?
  6. P.T.A. and Faculty meet--The last 6 weeks starts.
  7. F.F.A. banquet--lots of good eats.
  8. Y-teen business meeting--Elect new officers for '53-'54.
  9. Everyone in music dept. is practicing for contest.
  10. DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL--Gee!!I'm jittery, aren't you?
  13. Y.W.C.A. install officers for next year.
  14. Why was Velma Mae sleeping in English Class dry subject??????Or late hours??????????
  15. F.H.A. elect officers for next year.
  16. Levi Guge is busy scrubbing.
  17. F.F.A. Contest at Foster Farms at Colby Experiment Station.
  20. Say, Miss DeBey, did the big one get away???
  21. Rain, rain go away, come again some other day.
  22. Nice sunny days---nice for budding romances, too??????????
  23. Scholarship contests in Smith Center--Hope we rate!
  24. "May we have a vacation??We studied so hard for those tests we took yesterday!!!"





27. Senior judging team to Manhattan.
28. What is all this whispering among the senior girls????Deep, dark secret.
29. Oh! Where are the seniors????????????????????
30. No seniors!!Isn't school nice and quiet?????

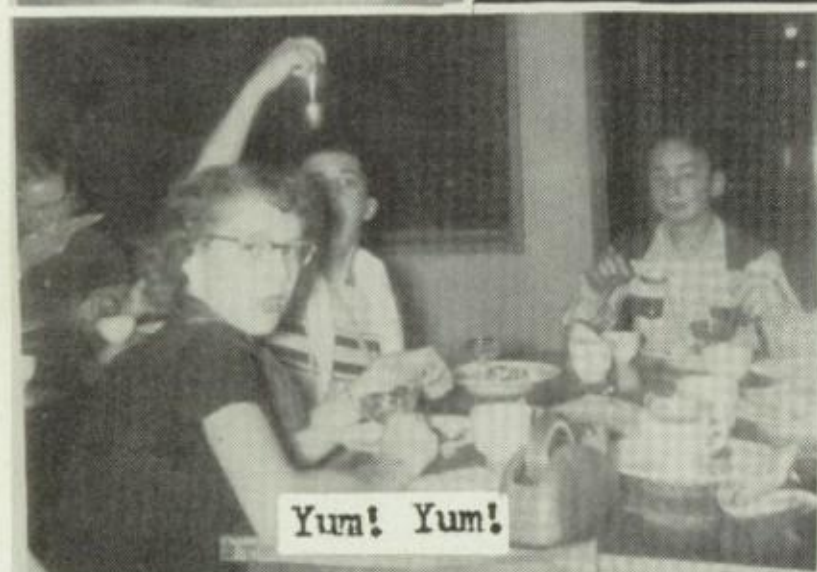
MAY

1. May Day--Did you get a may basket??
4. Seniors are here again.
5. Jr.-Sr. Banquet--Don't the new formals look nice?
6. Spring is really here--It is so hard to study.
7. Aren't those seniors dignified as they practice their marching for commencement.
8. Y-teen business meeting--Elect new officers for '53-'54.
10. Baccalaureate services for seniors--everyone looks dignified.
11. Y.W.C.A.--Tea for senior girls.
12. Review--review--Oh, why didn't we study before now?????
13. Last Y-teen meeting--never missed a single one this year.
14. Grade School Commencement---only seven graduates.
15. Commencement--Guess I made it, got a diploma anyway.
18. All school picnic--Do you think we will sunburn this year?
19. Community basket dinner----Oh, what alot of food!
20. Summer vacation-----Work and Play!!Good-bye seniors.

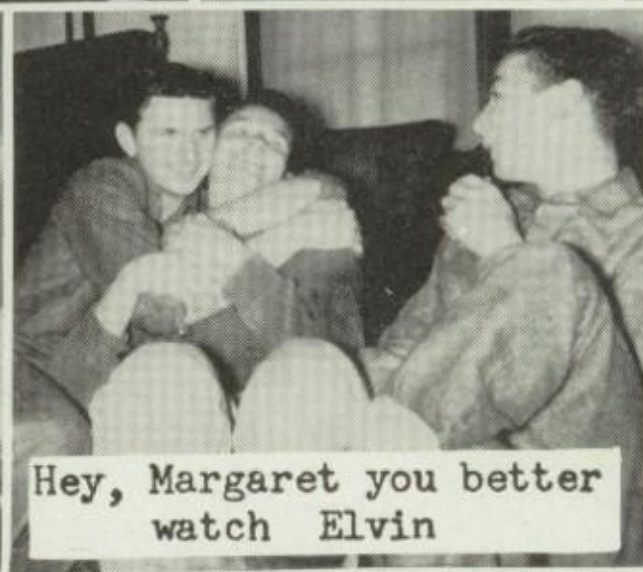




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Yum! Yum!



Hey, Margaret you better watch Elvin



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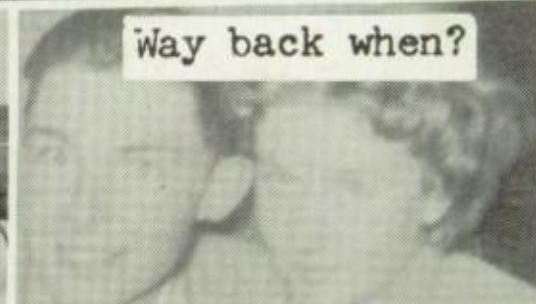
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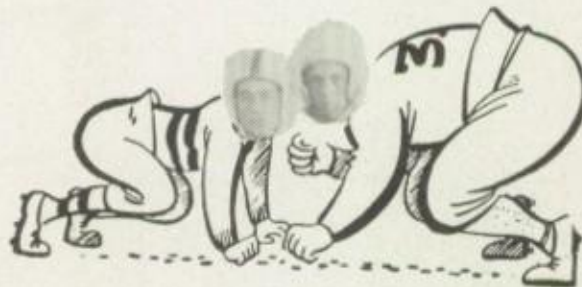


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Doug Holloway  
(jr. 52-53)

Good luck to you  
and happy hunting.  
I'll tell you a  
secret. You're my  
best teacher

Ralph Vohr  
jr 52-53

I wish you the best  
of luck in the  
future,  
You have been a  
wonderful and sweet  
teacher,  
your junior English I  
student  
Billy Hekt  
(soph 52-53)

Good luck  
Bob Reeves

Good Luck  
to a fine  
teacher  
Elvin Duer  
(Senior)

To a swell teacher,  
May I wish you the best  
of luck. Thanks for the  
help you have given me in  
my three years of English  
from an admiring student,  
Barbara Norris  
(jr. 1952-53)

I wish you the  
best of luck in  
the future.  
You have been  
a wonderful  
teacher. Thanks  
for all the help  
you have given  
us juniors.  
Edna Sage  
(jr. 52-53)

Remember us as the most  
mischievous class. We really  
appreciate all that you have  
done for us. Best wishes  
as you leave us.  
Mary Jo Peterson  
(junior 52-53)



Best of wishes to a very fine  
school teacher & friend. I have  
enjoyed very much working with  
you on the school paper and  
annual. I will always remember  
the delicious steak supper and  
good luck as we both leave  
A. W. S.

Wilda Stockbridge  
Senior 52-53

Wishing you  
the Best of Luck

(Lee Bunt  
1952-53

Best of luck to a  
swell teacher. You  
have been wonderful  
in English II. May  
you have the best of  
luck in your future  
plans.  
Jeva Westfall  
Sr. 1952-53

Good luck in the future.

Thanks for your help  
with the class poem.

Jo Ann Co  
Sr. 52-53

Best of luck  
Donald Wallace

Good luck to you  
with your future  
pupils. You have  
been very considerate.  
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